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### WEEKLY RECAP

Nominations	On December 7th, the Senate approved the nomination of Susan Bodine, nominated to be the Assistant Administrator for OECA, by voice vote.
Hearings	On Thursday, December 7 <sup>th</sup> , Administrator Pruitt testified before the House Energy and Commerce Committee on the Mission of the EPA.
Tax Reform	The House voted to go to a conference committee on tax reform legislation to reconcile differences between the House and Senate versions of the legislation.
Gov't Funding	The President signed into law a two week Continuing Resolution to fund the federal government until December 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
Meetings	<p>Administrator Pruitt met with President Trump and Senators Cruz, Inhofe, Lankford, Barrasso, Cassidy, Cornyn, Lee, Flake, Enzi, Kennedy, and Toomey regarding the RFS.</p> <p>Andrew Wheeler and Bill Wehrum met with Senator Murkowski.</p> <p>Andrew Wheeler met with Senator Manchin on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> and Senators Heitkamp and Donnelly on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>EPA presented to county commissioners from TN/KY at the White House.</p> <p>OCIR met with the Mayor of Akron, OH and Miami, OK.</p> <p>OCIR had a call with ECOS on WOTUS next steps.</p>

### LOOK-A-HEAD

Dec. 11	The House and Senate are in session.
Dec. 12	The House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing on " <i>Update on the Corporate Average Fuel Economy Program (CAFE) and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Motor Vehicles</i> ".
Dec. 14	Administrator Pruitt will speak with Gov. Snyder on 12/14 regarding PFAS.
Dec. 28	The LGAC/ SCAS package is under review by OGC and set for release no later than 12/28.

### STORIES OF INTEREST

#### CONGRESS:

- Pruitt pledges 'ambitious initiative' to fight lead [ [HYPERLINK "https://www.eenews.net/eedaily/2017/12/08/stories/1060068455" \]](https://www.eenews.net/eedaily/2017/12/08/stories/1060068455)



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- Senate confirms two Interior, EPA nominees [ [HYPERLINK "http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/363786-senate-confirms-two-interior-epa-nominees"](http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/363786-senate-confirms-two-interior-epa-nominees) ]
- EPA chief wants to replace Obama's Clean Power Plan, not just kill it [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/epa-chief-wants-to-replace-obamas-clean-power-plan-not-just-kill-it/article/2642832"](http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/epa-chief-wants-to-replace-obamas-clean-power-plan-not-just-kill-it/article/2642832) ]
- Senate confirms top EPA enforcement official [ [HYPERLINK "https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-epa-enforcement/senate-confirms-top-epa-enforcement-official-idUSKBN1E12VB"](https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-epa-enforcement/senate-confirms-top-epa-enforcement-official-idUSKBN1E12VB) ]
- Trump meets with oil-state GOP senators on ethanol mandate [ [HYPERLINK "http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/363826-trump-meets-with-oil-state-gop-senators-on-ethanol-mandate"](http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/363826-trump-meets-with-oil-state-gop-senators-on-ethanol-mandate) ]
- EPA head pledges to protect climate scientists [ [HYPERLINK "file:///C:/Users/crodric/Documents/weekly%20Reports/EPA%20head%20pledges%20to%20protect%20climate%20scientists"](file:///C:/Users/crodric/Documents/weekly%20Reports/EPA%20head%20pledges%20to%20protect%20climate%20scientists) ]
- EPA passes on rule covering U.S. hardrock miners' cleanup costs [ [HYPERLINK "https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-mining-epa/epa-passes-on-rule-covering-u-s-hardrock-miners-cleanup-costs-idUSKBN1DW00J"](https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-mining-epa/epa-passes-on-rule-covering-u-s-hardrock-miners-cleanup-costs-idUSKBN1DW00J) ]
- Barrasso asks EPA to meet statutory RFS reporting requirements [ [HYPERLINK "http://ethanolproducer.com/articles/14871/barrasso-asks-epa-to-meet-statutory-rfs-reporting-requirements"](http://ethanolproducer.com/articles/14871/barrasso-asks-epa-to-meet-statutory-rfs-reporting-requirements) ]

STATE/ LOCAL

- Gov. Dugaard administration anticipates 'lean' state budget year [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.capjournal.com/news/gov-dugaard-administration-anticipates-lean-state-budget-year/article\\_2a0eabe2-c517-11e7-ab3d-5b64ec822569.html"](http://www.capjournal.com/news/gov-dugaard-administration-anticipates-lean-state-budget-year/article_2a0eabe2-c517-11e7-ab3d-5b64ec822569.html) ]
- For Nebraska Landowners, the Fight Against Keystone XL Hasn't Come Cheap [ [HYPERLINK "https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-12-05/for-nebraska-landowners-the-fight-against-keystone-xl-hasn-t-come-cheap"](https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-12-05/for-nebraska-landowners-the-fight-against-keystone-xl-hasn-t-come-cheap) ]
- Gov. Snyder reviewing dates for special election to replace John Conyers [ [HYPERLINK "https://www.wxyz.com/news/gov-snyder-reviewing-dates-for-special-election-to-replace-john-conyers"](https://www.wxyz.com/news/gov-snyder-reviewing-dates-for-special-election-to-replace-john-conyers) ]